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that period and according to the notification they will have to pay increased rate if they fail one year. Some of the students might have made provision only for the amount of money which they will have to spend for five years according to the then rate. Now, if in the middle of the course they are asked to pay more it will really be a hardship. Sir, Government ought to have known by this time that it is not possible, nay almost impossible, for the medical students to go through the course in five years; because it is generally eight years and usually it is ten years. Sir, we have got four University examinations to pass in five years and each examination consists of a number of compartments and in each subject we have got papers to answer practical and oral examinations to sit for and if in any of these a student is ploughed he will have to stay for six months more if not one year. It will be a very great hardship if you ask that student who is to go through the course for eight years or ten years to pay according to the increased rate. Moreover the examinations cover there a period of twenty days or so and even the bright students get ill by the strain of the examination and I have known cases where the students were detained on that account. I know in some cases in the course of the twenty days of examination death occurred in a family and stopped a student from appearing for the examinations. In such cases it is not reasonable to ask them pay more. The notification provides only for the whole term. Even if the student fails in one subject he will have to pay Rs. 100 for that subject while he is paying only Rs. 15 now. Taking these things into consideration, I hope the hon. Minister will see that the grievances of the medical students to-day are redressed. Sir, I know the hon. Minister has come down to do some good to the medical students and I hope he will also do the same thing here."

*The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"Mr. President, Sir, the recommendation contained in the resolution is to the effect that the students of the Medical College who before the issue of the notification for revised fees were admitted into the college should be allowed to study paying the fees at the same rate at which they were charged before the notification issued. As was pointed out it is true that the rates were at Rs. 120 before the notification issued and later on it was raised to Rs. 200. The reasons why the rates were increased were the same as in the case of the other colleges here, viz., that the rates were found to be low. Now, Sir, my hon. Friend from Madras has asked me why the rates in 1914 were low and later on they were increased and he asked me for the reason why they were increased. The reason is obvious."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR:—"May I know whether the fees in the Law College were increased?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"I am informed that there has been an increase even in the case of the Law College."

Mr. T. ADINABAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Is it in the same proportion?"

*The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"I am not quite sure whether it bears the same proportion, but there has been an increase. Sir, on account of these increases my hon. Friend has asked me if the college has not become unpopular. I must say that it has not become unpopular; because if you take a census of the students who seek admission you will find that they are too many to be admitted."

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sanctioned by the department concerned. If sanction is accorded, Government will see whether funds can be made available for this purpose."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, who runs this hospital ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" It is a Government headquarters hospital."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" Why should Government depend upon public subscription ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The public are liberal enough and the Government have no mind to refuse such subscriptions."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" The Government may expect the public to contribute. But supposing the public take ten years for collecting their subscription, are Government to wait till then without giving increased and better accommodation to their patients ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Government maintain this headquarters hospital upto a certain standard of efficiency. If the public want it to be maintained in a better state than what it is now maintained, they must pay for it."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" Are Government hospitals less efficient than privately endowed hospitals ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" It does not follow from what I have said."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" Will the hon. the Minister call for the proposals urgently so that the items contained in those proposals may be provided for in the next budget ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The Government will consider the suggestion."

Mr. B. MAHABALA HEGDE :—" If the schemes are submitted, will then at least the Government be pleased to make provision in the next budget ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The question will be considered."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" Will the Government be pleased to issue instructions to local officers concerned to consult the views of the citizens of Mangalore who have contributed such a large sum before the former submit their proposals regarding the extension of the hospital ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Government see no objection to adopt that course."

Excise.

Report of the Excise Advisory Committee.

* 171 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) when he expects to receive the report of the Excise Advisory Committee; and

(b) the reasons for the delay ?